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DESCRIPTION OF AN APPARENTLY NEW SUBSPECIES  
OF *MICROGALE* FROM MADAGASCAR.

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The race here described is in a small collection of mammals in the Field Museum from Madagascar, obtained by Mr. Forsyth Major, and seems sufficiently different from *M. cowani*, also in the collection, to be worthy of a name.

***Microgale cowani nigrescens* subsp. nov.**

*Type* from Madagascar. Field Columbian Museum.

*General characters*.—About the size of *M. cowani*, color nearly black.

*Color*.—Upperparts black with rufous tips to hairs on head and flanks; underparts lead color, with brownish tinge on middle of breast and abdomen; legs and ears black; tail black.

*Measurements*.—Total length, 129 mm.; tail, 48; hind foot, 10. Skull: Occipito-nasal length, 20.5; interorbital width, 5; length of nasals, 8; palatal length, 9; length of upper tooththrow, 8; mastoid width, 9; length of half mandible, 15; lower tooththrow, 9.